

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
**March 9, 2018**

**Remember to move your clocks forward one hour. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 11, 2018.**

**Dates to Remember**

March 12, 2018 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting  
March 15, 2018 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting  
March 19, 2018 – City Commission Meeting  
March 21, 2018 – Special Magistrate Hearing  
March 23, 2018 – City Commission Redevelopment Workshop  
March 28, 2018 – Board of Building Commission Meeting

**Staff Reports**

**Code Enforcement Officer Debbie McNeil reports:**

- The City of Clewiston is offering the Code Enforcement Amnesty Program as an incentive to property owners who may have outstanding Code Enforcement violations to bring their property into compliance with City codes and obtain quick reduction of the outstanding liens. The Program is being administered by the City's Community Improvement Division. Hours of availability are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, excluding weekends and legal holidays. You can schedule an appointment to discuss specific information or amounts owed by contacting the Community Improvement Division at 141 Central Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 or 863-983-1454. For more information, please visit [http://www.clewiston-fl.gov/egov/documents/1515079385\\_31793.pdf](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov/egov/documents/1515079385_31793.pdf).
- Hurricane Season ended November 30, 2017. Those shutters that were put in place to protect life and property now become a hazard. The City of Clewiston Code of Ordinances 110-530 and 110-531 address both residential and commercial rules for the placement and removal of storm panels as follows:

**Sec. 110-530. - Residential development and improvement**

(2) Storm shutters and panels which are not permanently installed shall meet the following utilization standards:

- a. **They may be put in place or closed not more than 72 hours before and 72 hours after a storm event;**
- b. They may be put in place or closed for two periods of up to 15 days each between June 1 and November 30 (the hurricane season) when the owner is absent; and
- c. They may be put in place on rear windows during any period of time.

**Sec. 110-531 - Commercial development and improvement.**

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#### **Library Director Hayes reports:**

- The City is currently seeking board members for the Clewiston Library Advisory Board and the Hendry County Library Cooperative Advisory Board. If you are interested in serving the community in either capacity, please pick up an application at the Library or City Hall.
- The Library is providing free income tax preparation daily for those individuals who earn less than \$66,000 per year. Please call the Library and schedule your appointment.
- The Clewiston Library is still accepting Legos donations. Please feel free to drop them off to the circulation desk. These do not have to be complete sets. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.
- Remember you can get your e-books free at [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org).
- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the Library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit [www.hendrylibraries.org](http://www.hendrylibraries.org). Like us at [www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/clewistonpubliclibrary).**

#### **Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:**

- Friendly reminder - Please let faster players play through.
- No single golf carts unless your group is a threesome or a fivesome. If you would like to take a cart alone, there is an additional fee. See the golf shop staff.
- Golf carts are now due in at 6:15pm
- Beginning Sunday, March 11, 2018, golf carts will be due in at 7:15pm.
- Please make tee times – 863-983-1448.
- January 2018 Thru June 2018 Tournament Schedule, Ladies Golf Clinics and Junior Golf Clinics have been posted on Clewiston Golf Course Facebook. This information can also be picked up in a booklet form in the golf shop.
- Congratulations to Jack and Mary Ann Basquin, winners of the Clewiston Golf Course Annual Couples Championship.
- Congratulations to Larry Mason, winner of the Men's Senior Stableford Championship. The tournament is conducted annually at the Clewiston Golf Course.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - March 16, 2018 Night Golf Glow Ball Tournament
  - March 22, 2018 CLGA Twilight Golf Scramble
  - March 31, 2018 Nicaragua Medical Mission Golf Scramble
  - April 6, 2018 Horse Race Golf Tournament
- **For more information, please call the Golf Shop at 863-983-1448.**

#### **Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:**

- **Mosquito Control:** The season's first treatment took place on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Trap counts supporting the treatment were: 350 Saginaw; 200 Okeechobee Blvd. and 50 Golf Course.

- **Street Division:** (1) Staff is power washing the Youth Center, Library and sidewalks in the festival grounds. (2) Two dead trees in the festival grounds were removed. (3) A short cycle of pot-hole repairs was run this week. We are trying to make a small run every week to try and keep a handle on things. (4) Three flowering trees were planted in the park this week. These are replacing trees lost to IRMA. I love planting trees in Clewiston. (5) This year's paving project has been completed. (6) The horseshoe pits were serviced and made ready for play. (7) Staff has been very busy make preparations for the Sugar Festival on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sports Complex:** (1) The concession stand in the small quad has been painted. (2) The public safety netting for the small quad has been ordered. (3) Posts for the north side fence have been installed and the installation of fence is expected soon. (4) The scoreboards for the girls' and boys' high school ballfields are here. The boys' scoreboard was put up on Friday and will be made functional early next week.
- **Facility Maintenance:** (1) Purse hooks were installed in all women's bathrooms throughout the City. New hand dryers have been ordered. (2) One of the bathrooms in the Library had a problem that was quickly taken care of with the help of the water crew.
- **Reminder from Public Works:** It's the first of the month. Time to wash and bleach your tippers. Mosquito season is just around the corner. So check your property for standing water, clean your gutters, check door and window seals and repair holes in window screens.

#### **Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- **Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911).** This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov). You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.
- **ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE** on our web site at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl](http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl).

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS:** Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

**If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.**